

AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS

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Please replace Claims of the above-identified application with the following amended claim set (claims 1-22):

CLAIMS

1. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** A portable medication holder for holding a medication container and discharging a liquid agent therefrom, the portable medication holder comprising:
a housing including a first wall forming a chamber or part thereof;
an air pathway passing through the chamber;
a second wall engaging the first wall, and moveable between a closed position in which the chamber and air pathway are sealed and an open position in which the air pathway is open;
evaporation means to assist in evaporation of the liquid agent into air in the air pathway;
a medication discharge chute for directing the air pathway to a user;
opening means for opening the medication container and releasing the liquid agent to the evaporation means; and
one or more one-way valves to provide uni-directional air flow for one or both inspiratory air and expired air.
2. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 1 including the medication container located in the chamber or in fluid communication with the chamber.
3. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the medication container is a vial, ampoule bottle or canister and is frangible, at least in part.

4. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 3, wherein the liquid agent is methoxyflurane.
5. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 3, wherein the second wall is formed as a cover or sleeve.
6. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 3 wherein the opening means is automatically activated by moving the second wall to the open position.
7. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 3, wherein the opening means includes a striker adapted to open the medication container.
8. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 7, wherein the striker is activated by sliding the second wall to the open position.
9. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 3, wherein the opening means includes a punch to open a frangible seal in the container.
10. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 3, wherein the opening means includes a seat to grip a cap, which may be a screw cap, of the container.
11. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the opening means includes a plunger to pressurize and discharge the liquid agent.
12. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the evaporation means comprises a wick material.
13. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the evaporation means comprises an evaporation plate or plates or a grid.

14. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the evaporation means forms a serpentine or tortuous path as part of the air pathway.

15. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 1, wherein the medication chute is rotatable between a stowed position and a deployed position.

16. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 1, wherein the medication chute further includes a gas line for delivering a respiratory gas.

17. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 1, wherein the medication chute includes an auxiliary air inlet adapted for occlusion by a digit of a user.

18. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** The portable medication holder of claim 1, ~~further including one or more~~ wherein the one or more one-way valves are in the intake air pathway to provide unidirectional inspiratory airflow of inspiratory air.

19. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** The portable medication holder of claim 18, wherein the ~~medication chute is in fluid connection with an outlet one-way valve for expired air~~ one or more one-way valves include an outlet one-way valve for expired air and in fluid communication with the medication chute.

20. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 19, wherein the medication chute is in fluid connection with a filter for removing medication from expired air.

21. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 2, wherein the portable medication holder is sealed against the external environment when not in use.

22. **(ORIGINAL)** The portable medication holder of claim 6 including a strap, preferably a wrist strap, attached to the second wall.